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In view importance keeping NAC as fully informed as possible on German ~~XXXXXXXX~~ problem, Dept believes you should give NAC brief oral report on Secretary's trip at private meeting February 11. Statement should not RPT not be circulated in writing and should be coordinated with British, French and German Perm Reps.

Statement should stress great usefulness of talks with British, French and German Govts and with Spaak. Statement should draw on Secretary's arrival statement carried Wireless File EUR-12 and should cover following additional points, presented as US thinking at present time:

1. Desirability of (a) using Geneva proposals of ~~1955~~ ¹⁹⁵⁵ ~~XXXX~~ ^{XXXX} as starting point ~~XXXX~~ ^{XXXX} as foundation for Western position, (b) seeing whether certain embellishments cannot be made and (c) presenting position in form that will be simple and readily understood.

2. In view little likelihood agreement with Soviets on over-all problem, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ all more important that reasonableness our proposals be apparent so

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that any responsibility for failure will be clearly pinned on Soviets.

3. Desirability of non-specific agenda, allowing each side to introduce items.

4. Need for having meeting with Soviets in order to give them chance to extricate themselves from their extreme position on Berlin.

5. Possibility that Soviets will hold out for Heads of Government meeting.

6. Following procedural steps presently envisaged:

a. Working Group experts will start meeting Paris ~~before~~ end February to examine substance position and form of presentation. (Will be some prior preliminary exchanges on these matters in Washington after Working Group completes work on note reply.)

If it appears Soviets agree to Spring meeting with West,

b. / Foreign Ministers of US, UK, France and Germany may meet Paris ~~in~~ ~~prior to~~ NATO meeting and give necessary instructions for further work Working Group.

c. Four Foreign Ministers may meet again Washington at time NATO meeting April 2-4 in order give further policy guidance.

d. Full intention to consult closely with NATO throughout this preparatory process.

FYI Telegrams being sent later today re contingency planning statement in NAC and presentation to NAC of Working Group report. END FYI

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